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## FACTS ON THE TRANSCAUCASUS METALLURGICAL PLANT

Upon its arrival at the plant, the magnetite ore will be unloaded from the railroad cars and then sent directly to the sinter plant. The annual capacity of the two coke batteries in the coke by-products plant extends to hundreds of thousands of tons. The open-hearth shop will, in addition to pig iron, consume the so-called all-purpose iron scrap, including captured tanks and armored equipment shipped into Georgia from across the Caucasus and now waiting on the fields below Rustavi to be used.

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The blooming mill is powered by almost 300 motors. Construction of this gigantic installation has been completed, the first to be completed since the war in the USSR. It was made in the Donbass at the Novo-Kramatorsk Plant which was destroyed by the Germans, but has since been rebuilt. This mill will handle steel ingots weighing up to 6 tons. The plant's rolling shops will produce a variety of products, including petroleum pipe, rails, metal for machine-tool builders, H-beams, girders, roofing iron, tin plate for canning purposes, galvanized wire, hoop iron. The plant will supply all the needs of the Transcaucasus region for ferrous metals.

All houses in the city of Rustavi will have gas, electricity, refrigeration, and hot water. A wide bridge, over which the highway to Tbilisi will extend, is being built over the Kura River. Streetcars and trolleybuses will also have lines over this bridge. The city's inhabitants will live in two- and three-story buildings. In the future, a 3-kilometer strip of trees, 300 meters wide, will extend from the plant shops to the city. There is no plant yet, but the city already has its first inhabitants -- the builders and workers in auxiliary enterprises and shops which have been put into operation. The plant's shops are being built along the main plant roadway.(2)

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